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1. Bismarck Kaserne on Weissenfelderstrasse:

Still heavily occupied by about 1,500 troops presumably belonging to the following units, as deduced from observations over a prolonged period of time.

a. Division headquarters in the western kaserne section.

Many officers, orderlies and passenger cars were seen there.

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Numerous telephone lines lead from this kaserne section to houses of the western side of Luxemburgstrasse.

b. AAA battalion in the eastern kaserne section:

Troops were seen to be instructed at two 37-mm AA guns.

The unit was allegedly equipped

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It was presumably the same unit which had guns emplaced near the cemetery

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c. Elements of a signal unit, quartered in the western kaserne section, equipped

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d. Engineer unit, quartered in a converted garage in the eastern kaserne section, equipped

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e. Supply unit, quartered in the building east of the main gate, having blue-bordered black epaulets, a few with anchor-and-red star insignia, allegedly equipped

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(1) The following service colors were observed, listed in the order of their frequency:

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Red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia;  
 Red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia;  
 Black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia;  
 Black epaulets with signal insignia;  
 Blue-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia;  
 Blue-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia.  
 Crossed-axe insignia and tank insignia were sporadically observed.

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2. Hindenburg Kaserne on Schoenburgerstrasse:

still occupied by 1,000 to 1,200 troops, allegedly belonging to the following units:

a. Headquarters of a rifle regiment in the building west of the main gate on Schoenburgerstrasse. The building was frequented by many officers. The headquarters allegedly included a military band also stationed in the kaserne.

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b. Regimental units, including an engineer and a signal platoon, quartered in the southern kaserne section.

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c. A rifle battalion, with black-bordered red epaulets, quartered in the three eastern buildings.

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(1) [redacted] were seen communicating in the kaserne area:

[redacted]

(2) [redacted]

3. Northern kaserne on Flemmingerweg:

occupied to capacity by about 2,000 troops, allegedly belonging to the following units:

a. Rifle regiment headquarters with regimental units, equipped with [redacted]. The rifle battalions of the regiment were allegedly quartered in the southern kaserne on Flemmingerweg.

g. Artillery unit equipped with light field guns.

c. Engineer unit with silver-anchor insignia. Several special vehicles of this unit, either amphibian trucks or pontoon-carrying trucks, were stored in the NW section of the kaserne. The training grounds of the unit was said to be at Bad Loosen (M 52/J 78).

d. An AT unit equipped with SU-76 SP guns and heavy 100 to 120-mm AT guns.

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e. A tank or reconnaissance unit equipped with T34 tanks.

f. A supply unit equipped [redacted] 25X1

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[redacted] were observed in the kaserne area:

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(2) Buildings N of the kaserne either housed an officers' mess & club or a unit headquarters. (2)

#### 4. Southern kaserne on Flemminger Weg:

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occupied by rifle units totaling about 2,000 troops, allegedly battalions subordinate to the regimental headquarters in the Hindenburg Kaserne and the northern kaserne on Flemmingerweg. Many trucks observed in this area had [redacted]

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[redacted] There was much motor vehicle traffic between the kaserne and the Kukulau [redacted] state farm.

#### 5. Barbara kaserne:

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occupied by a signal unit allegedly a corps signal battalion, of 350 to 400 troops. About 50 percent of the soldiers were recruits.

a. Numerous telephone lines leading to the two apartment houses on Oststrasse were observed.

b. There was much activity in the kaserne. Six groups of 15 to 17 men each were observed at drill exercises and 100 troops at line repair work and reeling of wire (wooden, 50 to 60 cm high reels.)

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c. Three of several radio trucks parked in the kaserne yard near Weinbergweg [redacted] [redacted]

[redacted]

#### 6. Kaserne on Nordstrasse:

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occupied by semi-motorized division signal battalion of about 250 troops. There was very little motor traffic. [redacted]

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#### 7. oberlandesgericht (superior provincial court) and residential area N of Oberlandesgericht:

occupied by a high unit headquarters, allegedly a corps headquarters, with 250 to 300 officers and EM.

a. The headquarters proper was in the court building while some

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of the officers belonging to the headquarters were billeted in the residential area.

b. A large villa, marked with a Soviet star, was allegedly occupied by the commanding general.

c. The guard company was allegedly detached by a rifle regiment in the southern kaserne on Flemmingerweg.

d. [REDACTED]

#### 8. Ross Hotel (four-story building):

Many officers of all branches of service frequented the hotel which was allegedly occupied by the command echelon of the Naumburg rifle division. A rubber-insulated cable leads from the hotel to the Oberlandesgericht and, from there, across Rossbacherstrasse, to the villa allegedly occupied by the commanding general. (5)

#### 9. Other quarters:

a. Street-triangle formed by Jakobsring, Kollwitzstrasse and Friedensstrasse:

The kommandatura, the officers' mess and club and elements of the division headquarters were in that area. There were also many telephone lines.

b. Large villa at the corner of Kollwitzstrasse and Syffertstrasse:

Billet of a high-ranking officer or an officers' club. (5)

c. Charlottenstrasse:

Officers' billets. Many telephone lines lead from there to Weissenfellerstrasse. [REDACTED]

#### 10. Miscellaneous data:

a. [REDACTED] was regularly observed at the railroad station picking up courier mail arriving on the train from Weimar

b. Soldiers digging four 4x6-meter pits at the previously reported gun emplacements near the cemetery were observed in [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] round near the gun emplacements (6).

c. An NVD office staffed with 20 to 25 men was again observed in house "an der Vogelweide." [REDACTED]

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Comment:

(1) According to previous reports the Bismarck Kaserne, Naumburg, is occupied by the following units:

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(a) Elements of the Hq XXX Gds Itz Rifle Corps. The division headquarters reported to be stationed in the kaserne may also be a high headquarters of AAA units (of the GOFG?) which,

, have been observed in the Naumburg-Weimar-Zeitz area since the Summer of 1949.

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(b) Headquarters units of the XXX Gds Itz Rifle Corps.

reported signal unit elements belong to the 27th Gds Signal Bn of the XXX Gds Itz Rifle Corps. (Other elements of which are stationed in the Barbara Kaserne).

(c) Probably ? No AAA units of the GOFG.

other units (engineer and supply units) in the kaserne may be elements of the Eighth Gds Army or AAA units of the GOFG.

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(2) Elements of the Hq 57th Gds Itz Rifle Div and component units of this division are, from previous reports, assumed to be stationed in the Hindenburg Kaserne and other component units of the division are believed to be quartered in the northern kaserne on Flemingierweg (Hubertus Kaserne).

Only one guards motorized rifle regiment (the 170th Gds Itz Rifle Regt) of the 57th Gds Itz Rifle Div is assumed to be stationed in Naumburg as the two other guards motorized rifle regiments of the division were confirmed in Gotha and Weissenfels.

Therefore, the Hq 57th Gds Itz Rifle Div (mentioned in the report as headquarters of a rifle regiment) will be carried as being in the Hindenburg Kaserne and component units of the 170th Gds Itz Rifle Regt in the Hubertus Kaserne.

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(3) According to previous information, elements of the 27th Gds Sig Bn/XXX Gds Itz Rifle Corps are stationed in the Barbara Kaserne and the 89th Gds Sig Bn/57th Gds Itz Rifle Div in the kaserne on Nordstrasse (IG Kaserne).

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(4) Elements of the Hq XXIX Gds Itz Rifle Corps, probably the corps's principal staff personnel, are believed to be located in and near the Oberlandesgericht building.

(5) Elements of the Hq 57th Gds Itz Rifle Div. may be in the Ross Hotel and the street triangle formed by Jakobsring-Kollwitzstrasse and Friedensstrasse. Headquarters elements are also believed to be in the Hindenburg Kaserne (see above).

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(6) [ ] it is probably assigned to a unit (possibly a signal unit) in Kaluga, Moscow ID.

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